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Examiner: Venkataraman Balasubramanian

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For: **METHOD OF PREPARING PYRROLOTRIAZIN-4-ONE COMPOUND AND METHOD OF PREPARING ISOTHIOCYANATOFORMIC ACID ESTER DERIVATIVE THAT IS A REACTANT USED FOR PREPARING PYRROLOTRIAZIN-4-ONE COMPOUND**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002. Please consider the following remarks.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, in which an election is required between:

- I. Claim 9, drawn to a process of making compound of general formula 2, classified in class 558, subclass 2 and other classes and subclasses depending upon the preferred embodiments of R^4 , R^5 , R^6 groups.
- II. Claims 10 and 12, drawn to yet another process of making compound of general formula 2, classified in class 558, subclasses various.
- III. Claims 11 and 13-15, drawn to yet another variant process of making compound of general formula 2, classified in class 558, subclasses various.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group II, claims 10 and 12, directed to a method of preparing a compound of general formula 2.

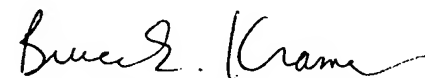
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If any points remain at issue which can best be resolved by way of a telephonic or personal interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and earnestly request such action.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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